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Recognizing the existence of inhumanity and cruelty is crucial to ensuring against the repetition of genocide, the first of the 20th Century being the Armenian Genocide in which the Turkish Ottoman Empire murdered 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children.

Despite overwhelming evidence, the Turkish government denies the occurrence of an Armenian Genocide. It is now the 94th anniversary of this somber day.

By consistently remembering and forcefully condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenians and honoring the survivors, as well as other victims of similar heinous conduct, we guard against repetition of those acts of genocide.

The County of Los Angeles is home to 350,000 Armenian-Americans, the largest population of any county in the United States, the County has been enriched through, among other aspects, business, academia, government and the arts.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors hereby declare April 24, 2009 as a "Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923".

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